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For: <b>DOUBLE-CHAMBER TYPE HEAT-TREATING FURNACE</b>	)	Date: July 22, 2009
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**AMENDMENT (D)**

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Sir:

In response to the non-final Official Action dated April 23, 2009, please amend the application identified above as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.